



Spring Nationals on Real Bridge

14-24 October 2021

7 Saturday 23 October

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Plotchathon in the Mixed

So good to be the Editor, meaning I can sweep my blunders under the carpet by choosing other boards.

The rest of you seem to be having concentration issues, no doubt blaming the interface or the dog.

Mixed Teams 1, Bd 1

N/Nil ♠ A J 10 8 4 2
♥ 5
♦ K Q 10 5
♣ 8 6

♠ Q 5 ♠ K
♥ K 10 7 6 4 ♥ A 9 3 2
♦ A 8 4 ♦ J 6 3 2
♣ K Q 7 ♣ J 9 4 2

♠ 9 7 6 3
♥ Q J 8
♦ 9 7
♣ A 10 5 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1♠	no	3♣ Bergen
3♥	4♠	end	

A typical auction. The 3♥ overcall is ugly and persuaded a few Easts to dive over 4♠ for -300.

Some Easts led the ♥A, putting the defence on a knife edge. Having overcalled, West's ♥4 should be suit preference. Many Easts switched to a diamond for -420.

Mixed Teams 1, Bd 2

E/NS ♠ A J 6 4 2
♥ 9 6 4
♦ J 7 6
♣ 6 4

♠ K ♠ Q 10 8 7 5
♥ A J 10 8 5 3 ♥ 7
♦ 3 ♦ 9 4 2
♣ A Q 10 5 3 ♣ J 9 8 7

♠ 9 3
♥ K Q 2
♦ A K Q 10 8 5
♣ K 2

I was curious to see how many Easts would open as dealer, green vs red. Six tried 2♠, with mixed results. (One bid 2♦) The other 33 passed.

One pair reached the EW par:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Tucker		Grewcock	
		no	1♦
2NT ♥&♣	no	3♣	3♦
3♥	no	4♣	no
5♣	end		

Kinga Moses made 3NT on the ♥J lead. Cashing six diamonds and the ♠A forced West give up the ninth trick in hearts or clubs.

Mixed Team 1, Bd 5

N/NS ♠ A K J 9 7 5 4
♥ 9 8 4
♦ A 2
♣ 6

♠ 8 3 ♠ Q 6
♥ K J 10 5 3 2 ♥ A Q
♦ J 9 7 4 3 ♦ Q 6
♣ — ♣ Q J 10 8 5 4 3

♠ 10 2
♥ 7 6
♦ K 10 8 5
♣ A K 9 7 2

I looked to see how many found a way to shoot 4♠/N on the ♠Q lead, West ruffing the ace. (It takes a heart switch to the ace, then ♥Q over-taken for a trump promotion)

Couldn't find anyone who did that, though many Norths failed in 4♠.

When East reasonably won the ♥Q at trick two, then ♥A, ♠J, five declarers chose to plonk dummy's ♠K on that. (Then miss the squeeze)

Mixed Teams

Sat 10.30 2 x 12 bds
23 2.15 2 x 12 bds

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Sat 10.30 3 x 8 bds
23 2pm 3 x 8 bds

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24 2.15 3 x 8 bds

Teams after 4 of 8 Rnds

Mixed Teams (40 teams)

1	20	ASHTON	64.08
2	23	CORNELL	57.18
3	14	SYLVESTER	57.14
4	4	MORRISON	56.00
5	32	YUEN	51.72
6	29	CURTIS	51.12
7	6	MUNTZ	50.99
8	25	SIMPSON	50.65
9	7	PITT	50.09
10	21	HUMPHRIES	49.98

Mixed Teams 1, Bd 10

E/Both ♠ J 6 5 3
♥ K 8 5
♦ J 3
♣ K Q J 5

♠ K 9 4 ♠ A Q 8 2
♥ J 10 9 ♥ 7 6 3
♦ 10 7 2 ♦ 6 4
♣ A 10 9 3 ♣ 8 7 6 4

♠ 10 7
♥ A Q 4 2
♥ A K Q 9 8 5
♣ 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		no	1♦
no	1♠		2♥
	3NT		no

A typical auction. So how many East-Wests took the first five tricks? One. (Ash and Arlene)

If East can lead the ♠8, West might get it right by switching to the unblocking ♠9. (If you lead the informative ♠4, the suit gets blocked)

Tri-Nations

2nd Australian Teams

Expressions of Interest for second Australian Teams
(Open/Womens/Seniors/ Mixed)

for Tri-Nations events between Australia, New Zealand, and Indonesia need to be made 5pm AEDT Friday 29 October 2021.

There is a lot going on here:

Mixed Teams 4, Bd 37

N/NS	♠ QJ865	
	♥ J87	
	♦ 104	
	♣ K64	
♠ AK97		♠ 4
♥ 102		♥ A653
♦ K		♦ AQ97632
♣ AQ9875		♣ 10
	♠ 1032	
	♥ KQ94	
	♦ J85	
	♣ J32	

Those in 3NT on a black suit lead were laughing their way to +460.

Not so easy on a heart lead. I think I would have won the second heart and played a club to the queen for one off.

Some declarers tempted fate by ducking the second heart. (They would have been down if the defence had switched to a spade but nobody found that)

With the diamonds stranded, declarer needs to bring in the clubs after winning the ♥A. Most got it "right" by running the ♣10. That's odds against, isn't it? The 3-3 breaks are a guess. If clubs are 4-2, you need to find a doubleton jack. No?

How is 6♦ on a heart lead? Not great. You need trumps to break and something good in clubs. Michael Courtney took his 13 tricks but the rest went down.

It's a pity Courtney didn't get a spade lead. He lives for squeezes like that.

Mixed Teams 4, Bd 39

S/ Both	♠ AKJ	
	♥ Q6	
	♦ 983	
	♣ KQ862	
♠ 53		♠ 109
♥ A842		♥ K9753
♦ KQ765		♦ AJ4
♣ J10		♣ 954
	♠ Q87642	
	♥ J10	
	♦ 102	
	♣ A73	

Lots of 650s here, many on the ♦K lead. What went wrong?

♦K-3-4-2. Now what? Many Wests continued with the ♦5, with East attempting to cash a third round.

With ♦Q-7-6-5 left, which pip should West lead at trick two? Original 4th highest? Or maybe the seven to show an even number left? Partner might read that, then agonise over what to do next.

MUCH better for West to swing the ♥A at trick two.



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